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Times' Short Story

"CARPETBAG" JUSTICE

[Original.]

"Wha' de charge?" asked the judge.

"De prisoner, Lemmel Jinks," said the prosecuting attorney, "is charged with stealin'."

"Stealin' what?" inquired the judge.

This was a poser. The attorney pulled out a paper, but as he could not read he failed to get the required information. However, he was equal to the occasion.

"What de prisoner is charged with stealin', yo' honah," will be brought out by de witnesses. It isn't fo' me to mak' de efferdence. I only conducts de per-secution."

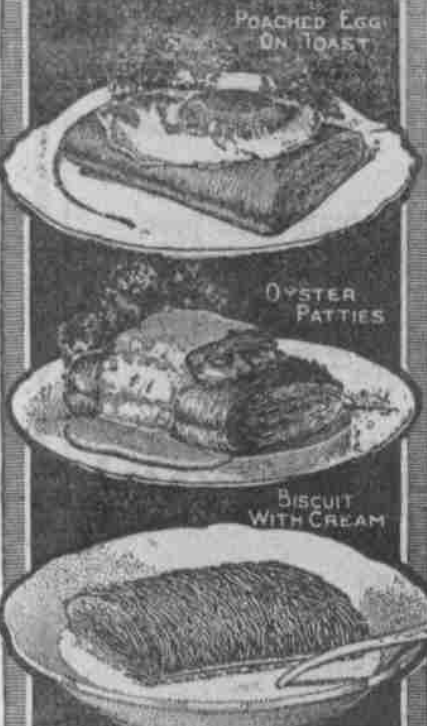
"Wha' yo' been stealin', Lem?" asked the judge.

"Notten. I wanted to go to de mill de mdder day, and I jist borried Phil Tomkins' mule."

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LAYS IT ALL ON SCHWAB

Dresser Declares Steel Man Wrecked Shipbuilding Trust.

WITHHELD LAWFUL PROFITS

If the Bethlehem Earnings Had Gone Into the Ship Company's Coffers, Witnesses Think, Big Concern Would Not Have Failed.

New York, Oct. 15.—The inquiry into the affairs of the United States Shipbuilding company which is being pressed by the Bondholders' Protective association was resumed before Referee Oliphant, sitting at the office of Samuel Untermyer, attorney for the bondholders. D. Le Roy Dresser took the stand when the proceedings began, but before he was asked any questions there was an argument over the propriety of Mr. Guthrie, counsel for Mr. Schwab, cross examining him.

It was finally agreed that Mr. Guthrie should cross examine Mr. Dresser, and after it had been explained that Charles M. Schwab would attend and testify when desired and several witnesses, including Joseph Schwab, Oliver Wren, secretary to Charles M. Schwab, and John W. Young, had been sworn, the examination proceeded.

Mr. Guthrie first questioned the witness as to the reports he had received or seen on the value of the plants included in the shipbuilding combination. Mr. Dresser said that he had seen the reports of Alexander & Green and Riddle & Common, the accountants, but denied that he had ever seen a report on the plants made by Admiral Bowles of the United States navy.

"From the time the prospectus was first prepared until the transaction was finally consummated had there been anything suggested to you that affected the soundness of the company?"

Trouble All Due to Schwab.

"I suspected nothing until I came back from Europe," said Mr. Dresser. "I made a very careful inquiry at that time. Trouble occurred during January and February, and I believe it was due to the control by Mr. Schwab of the Bethlehem company."

The witness then explained that he had appealed to Mr. Pam for assistance from the Bethlehem company and said that even after the Sheldon reorganization the earnings of the several shipbuilding properties and the Bethlehem company were sufficient to pay fixed charges.

Mr. Dresser said that all of the information contained in the prospectus of the company came from either Riddle & Common or Colonel McCook.

The witness said he had not talked with Mr. Schwab about taking a part in the underwriting. Mr. Nixon did that, he said, and brought him Mr. Schwab's subscription of \$500,000. Mr. Schwab later paid the full amount of the allotment against him. He said there were a series of assessments and that he believed Mr. Schwab paid in full.

The witness was then led over the circumstances attending the call which he and Mr. Nixon made at the office of Mr. Schwab on June 14, 1902. He testified that Mr. Schwab had shown his reports on the operations and earnings of the Bethlehem company. "Mr. Schwab said it would earn \$2,000,000 a year," the witness said, "and as a matter of fact it did." Asked if \$2,000,000 was not the prophecy, the witness said: "Mr. Guthrie, I do not wish to overstate the figure. Two millions would have satisfied us that it was a good purchase."

The witness swore that he had not received any surplus cash or first mortgage bonds as a promoter. "When I was in Paris," said the witness, "I received some stock in the company from Mr. Young. When I left here I owned 1,450 shares of the Trust Company of the Republic, which was worth \$500,000, but that had been pretty well wiped out. Mr. Young gave me either 4,000 or 5,000 shares of each kind of stock, and I sold it for \$100,000."

The witness denied knowledge of the existence of \$400,000 worth of first mortgage bonds which Mr. Guthrie said had neither gone to the vendors, the underwriters nor the subscribers. Witness said that he never knew of any such surplus.

Dresser Tries to See Schwab.

It then developed that Mr. Dresser had endeavored to get into communication with Mr. Schwab, and the testimony upon the point brought from the witness the declaration that the Shipbuilding company had been wrecked through the withholding of the Bethlehem profits. The effort of the witness to reach Schwab had been made through Charles Harris of the brokerage firm of Harris, Gates & Co. and was brought out by Guthrie for the purpose of showing that Dresser had sought to plead with Schwab and had held over him the threat of exposure of other facts in connection with the shipbuilding failure.

Mr. Guthrie introduced the sensational incident and testimony by dropping his questions as to the stock Mr. Dresser had received and saying, "Do you remember what you did yesterday?"

"My memory is good enough for that," answered the witness.

"Did you pay two visits to the office of Mr. Charles Harris?"

"I did," said the witness.

"Did you not seek a private interview with Mr. Schwab?" asked Mr. Guthrie.

"I certainly did not," said the witness, and then in response to a series of questions put to him rapidly the witness denied that he had sent word

to Mr. Schwab that it would be well for him to see him or that he had threatened to make disclosures that would injure Mr. Schwab. He also denied that he had said that it would be better for Mr. Schwab to quiet the matter or that he, Dresser, had nothing to lose in the way of reputation or that it would be better for all concerned to straighten the whole matter out.

When Mr. Guthrie finished his questions Mr. Dresser said, "Now will you ask me what I did say?"

Tried to Save the Trust.

Mr. Untermyer told the witness to go ahead and tell what did happen, and the witness went on: "Six weeks ago I saw Mr. Gates and told him that if Mr. Schwab would take his grip off Bethlehem the Shipbuilding company would be all right. I went to the office of Harris, Gates & Co. in the interests of the Shipbuilding company. Mr. Schwab has taken this means of putting it before the public to show that I was there to plead with him. I went there not to plead with him, but to ask him to take his grip off Bethlehem, and said that if he did so it would make the Shipbuilding company all right. I said that if he would give us any decent plan of reorganization and not the confederation plan that has been proposed the company would be all right. I went over all this shipbuilding matter with Charles Harris six weeks ago. I told him then that the wrecking of the Shipbuilding company was due to Mr. Schwab withholding the profits of Bethlehem instead of letting them flow into the Shipbuilding company, where they belonged. I asked Mr. Harris to telephone to Mr. Schwab, and he did so. If out of the mess and mire the United States Shipbuilding company can be rehabilitated, that is what I want to see done. I have no financial interest, but I feel that it will help me."

"Did you say anything to Mr. Schwab about his liability in this matter?" asked Mr. Untermyer.

"No, I did not," said the witness. "That is a legal question, and I know nothing about it."

Mr. Dresser said that when he undertook the shipbuilding project for the Trust Company of the Republic he believed that \$9,000,000 had been underwritten in France.

In the course of his testimony Mr. Dresser mentioned the names of Herbert L. Satterlee, C. W. Wetmore, George R. Sheldon and several other members of the reorganization committee. Mr. Satterlee is a son-in-law of J. Pierpont Morgan. His use of these names caused Mr. Guthrie to protest that all such testimony was irrelevant and incompetent. At this point a recess was announced.

FUGITIVES' CREW MUTINIES.

One of Mindanao Outlaws Killed. Other Still at Liberty.

Manila, Oct. 15.—The crew of the boat in which Johnston and Herman, the runaway constabulary officers, accompanied by one constable, started from Gulbar for Cagayans island attacked the outlaws on nearing the latter place, killing Johnston and wounding Herman and the constable. Herman killed four of the crew, and the other two jumped overboard. He then put back to Negros, where he sent guns and ammunition to the police and abandoned the boat off Nabalva, Bayawan, where he was in hiding when the last was heard of him.

The police have captured the boat, recovering a number of constabulary guns, ammunition and some money. They also buried Johnston, whose body was found in the boat. It is presumed that the crew intended to kill the outlaws and secure their money and arms.

Died Cursing Automobiles.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 15.—Bryan Sheehan, aged fifty-seven, died of apoplexy on the Western turnpike just outside the city limits from the effects of a fit of rage while berating an automobile party which had passed him and scattered a drove of his cattle, following his wagon. Sheehan was standing up in his wagon, fiercely denouncing the automobile, which was driven by F. S. Howell of this city, when he suddenly pitched headlong from the wagon and when picked up was dead. Sheehan was well known as one of the pioneers in the cattle business in connection with the West Albany stock yards.

Honorable Give Farewell Banquet.

Boston, Oct. 15.—The waving visit of the Honorable Artillery Company of London in this country was marked by a carriage and automobile tour of the extensive park system of the city and by a luncheon given by the Victoria club, an organization of Englishmen at the Century club, Brookline. At night the closing function of the American tour took place, the visitors giving a banquet at the Hotel Somerset to the Boston Ancients and others in recognition of courtesies extended during the stay of the London company in America.

William L. Elkins Seriously Ill.

Philadelphia, Oct. 15.—William L. Elkins, the millionaire traction owner, is seriously ill at his country home, a few miles from Philadelphia. Mr. Elkins, it is said, is suffering from organic trouble, and worry has added to his unsatisfactory physical condition. It is also stated that Mr. Elkins' illness began with inflammation caused by a tight shoe irritating a corn on his toe. This trouble became so serious that at one time it was feared his leg would have to be amputated.

May Arbitrate Armistices Strike.

Paris, Oct. 15.—A proposition to arbitrate the strike of linen weavers at Armentieres has been submitted to a referee. After the riots the city of Armentieres appeared as though sacked by an army. The population is still in a state of terror.

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RUSSIA READY FOR WAR

Great Military Demonstration at Port Arthur.

TRYING TO OVERAWE JAPAN

Reports of Increase in Alexieff's Forces Underestimated—General Feeling That Fight Is Sure.

Port Arthur, Oct. 15.—The review by the viceroy, Admiral Alexieff, on Sunday of 70,000 soldiers participating in the maneuvers was the final act of last week's "war game." This force, the greatest Russia has ever concentrated in the far east, was massed on the plains outside this city. It included infantry, cavalry and artillery. Every infantry regiment is partly mounted, in accordance with the recent regulations. Foreigners were given every opportunity to witness the display, and the statements of officers regarding the total force were verified by count of the visiting experts. It was also officially announced that the entire force within easy operating distance of Port Arthur numbers 100,000 men.

Two months ago it was 60,000 men. Sunday's spectacle demonstrated that the reports regarding the re-enforcements arriving in Manchuria had underestimated the real increase. The army assembled Sunday was greater than the Peking diplomatists believed Russia's entire force in Manchuria to be. Officials here are taking pains to advertise Russia's strength and proclaim that the maneuvers are intended as an object lesson.

Alexieff Would Overawe Japan.

Admiral Alexieff, speaking to an American official, said: "War would be a great calamity. Here we believe that the best way to prevent it would be to strengthen ourselves as much as possible. Therefore we have left no steps untaken for that purpose."

The details of the maneuvers were kept secret, but it is learned that the landing forces at Talienwan bay were repulsed. It is reported that the attacking army broke through Port Arthur's defenses at three points.

Two battle ships and two cruisers are on their way here from Russia. When they arrive, Russia's naval force on this station will be stronger than Japan's, according to the views of the Russian officers.

Anticipation of war is at fever heat.

In the army and navy, but this is based entirely on the activity of the preparations visible everywhere. The higher officials believe that Japan has been overawed by the demonstration of Russia's power.

No steps toward the evacuation of Manchuria have been taken. The official journal, the editor of which is a colonel on the viceroy's staff, says none will be taken.

The governors of east Siberia are here consulting with the viceroy for the purpose of arranging a new division of territory beyond the Amur into three provinces.

The reports that a Chinese army had assembled in the rear of Mukden are not confirmed.

Japan Denies War Rumors.

London, Oct. 15.—The Japanese government has issued a denial of the alarmist reports of the famine of war with Russia in a dispatch from Tokyo and sent to the Japanese ministers abroad. It says: "The negotiations are following their normal course, and there is no reason to anticipate a rupture between Japan and Russia. The alarmist reports current abroad are devoid of foundation."

Marines Go to Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 15.—A thousand marines belonging to the Baltic fleet have left St. Petersburg for Port Arthur.

Venezuela Seizes British Ship.

Georgetown, British Guiana, Oct. 15.—It is reported from the northwest district that a boat laden with dry goods and provisions, the property of a British subject, William Romanes, while proceeding to Halwa, on the Yarakita river, Venezuela, after having cleared at Morawhanna, British Guiana, Oct. 4, with British papers and flying the British flag, was seized by the commander of the Venezuelan lightship at the mouth of the Amacura river, Venezuela. The Venezuelan commander protested that there should be no British trade with Amacura and said he had orders to prevent the passage of British vessels.

Mr. Cleveland in Chicago.

Chicago, Oct. 15.—Ex-President Cleveland has arrived here to be the guest of the Commercial club during a two days' visit. He was accompanied by his physician and friend, Dr. Joseph Bryant of New York. Martin A. Ryerson, president of the Commercial club, and James H. Eckels, comptroller of the currency under Cleveland, escorted the visitor to the Auditorium Annex, where he was met by the executive committee of the club. Mr. Cleveland addressed the club at a dinner given at night, his subject being "American Good Citizenship."

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